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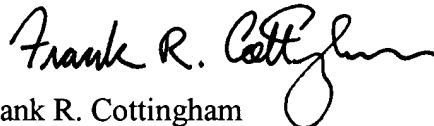
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It is certified that error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below.

In claim 1, column 18, line 57, the abbreviation "ATP", immediately following the words "addition of", should be deleted and replaced with the abbreviation "ADP".

In claim 4, column 19, line 7, the word "kinase" should be inserted immediately after the word "adenylate".

In claim 7, column 20, line 5, the word "therein" should be deleted and replaced with the word "wherein".

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